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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 11-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 15-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1-4 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that claims 19-22 were not rejected over prior art. By this Amendment, the subject matter of claims 19-22 have been incorporated into claims 1-4, respectively. In addition, the subject matter of claims 15-18 have been incorporated into claims 1-4, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 are allowable, as are dependent claims 11-14, respectively.

Claims 1-4 and 11-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,233,389 to Barton et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,630,006 to Hirayama et al. and U.S. Patent 6,278,837 to Yasukochi et al.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot in view of the incorporation of allowable claims 19-22 into claims 1-4, respectively. In addition, Barton et al., Hirayama et al. and Yasukochi et al. fail to disclose or suggest, alone and/or in combination, (i) recording data based on a CDA unit and (ii) recording management data (for managing object data) and reproduction management data (for controlling the order in which the first and second programs are reproduced) in different management areas.

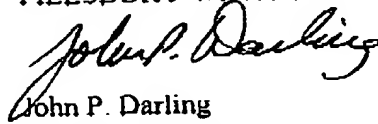
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define subject matter that is patentable over the prior art cited of record. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should further issues require resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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